Swedish Assistance for Mini Hydro Electric Projects

37. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently sought Swedish asistance for its nine mini hydro-electric projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Details of the nine micro hydel projects recommended for Swedish assistance are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

	Scheme	Installed Capacity (KW)	State
1.	Zorawarpura	90	Rajasthan
2.	Baragarh	300	Orissa
3.	Bangurai	4×90·5	Orissa
4.	Charampa	550	Orissa

	Micro hydel project on D-83 Distributory of Kakateeya Main Ganal in Andhra Pradesh at mileage	Installed capacity (KW)	State
5.	10-6-550	660	Andhra Pradesh
6.	22-1-550	630	-Do-
7.	18-5-550	660	-Do-
8.	21-7-600	690	-Do-
9.	29-0-550 / 19-5-230	690	-Do-

Steps to boost the export of Indian Films

38. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of Indian films has gone down;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government contemplate to boost their export; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up an Export Promotion Council for Indian films as one of the steps in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been some decline in the export earnings of Indian films in the last two or three years.

(b) The main reason for this fall appears to be the ready availability

of video cassettes of Indian films abroad.

(c) and (d) The following measuers have been adopted by the National Film Development Corporation to boost export of Indian films:

(i) The Corporation participates in film festivals and film markets abroad.

(ii) It participates in business delegations to foreign countries.

(iii) Prospective buyers—individuals as well as State agencies—are invited to participate in the film markets organised on the occasion of International Film Festivals and Filmotsavas held in India.

(iv) Foreign delegations are invited and encouraged to visit India to view Indian films for selection and purchase for their countries.

Besides, festivals of Indian films aranged in various countries under the cultural exchange programmes also help in creating an intrerest in Indian films abroad. On 8th June, 1982, a meeting of the representatives of various Goverment departments concerned, private producers and film exporters had also been held to discuss measures to boost exports. Setting up of a Film Export Promotion Council and exploring new markets for export of Indian films are some of the important decisions taken in the meeting.

Shortage of Postal Stationery in Bihar

39. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is at present an acute shortage of postal stationery like postcards, Inland letters, envelopes and money-order forms in many post offices in Sasaram district of Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such shortags often contine for months together at a stretch; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) No. Sir. No shortage of items of postal stationery has been reported from post offices in Sasaram district. There is sufficient stock of various items of stationery at Sasaram head post office and the supplies are being made to offices under this head office as per their indents;

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) and (b above.

Handing over of Patherdih and Dugdah I and II washeries to Steel Authority of India Limited

40. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Patherdih Dugdah I and II washeries of Bharat Coking Coal Limited have been handed over to the Steel authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, on what conditions and considerations; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the washeries to ensure that good quality of coal is not taken out by contractors in the name of meddlings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In a coal washery, the route of clean coal is totally independent of the meddling stream. Therefore, the two are not mixed together.